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National Capital Park Service
Department of Interior
Room 1230, Interior Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Reference is made to recent discussions with Mr. Bartel of your office regarding the flooded conditions which are existent during inclement weather along the entire walkway in front of Templo Buildings I, J, K, and L. These buildings are located to the south of the Reflection Pool.

A survey was made on 3 November 1953, by Mr. Bartel, Mr. R. J. Tompkins, Public Buildings Service Group Superintendent, and representatives of this office. The survey revealed conclusively that the trouble stems from depressions which exist in the paved walkway.

On rainy days the entire walkway is inundated between the entrance to Building "L" and the granite steps leading to Lincoln Memorial Circle. Numerous puddles are also present from the aforementioned entrance due east to the end of Building "I". The walkway becomes very hazardous during the winter season when melting snow and rain freeze on the pavement since moisture does not drain off properly.

Mr. Bartel indicated that arrangements will be made to clean debris from existing drains located at infrequent intervals along the walkway and replace damaged drain covers where necessary. This will, no doubt, alleviate the situation to a limited degree.

However, it is felt that the entire problem can only be solved by the application of "blacktop" over the present walkway. This procedure was used on the opposite side of the Reflection Pool with very gratifying results.

It is suggested that if blacktop surfacing was applied starting at the fence-line and feathered out to the center of the walkway, it would eliminate the undesirable conditions experienced during inclement weather.

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It is urgently requested that every effort be made to remedy the above-mentioned conditions as soon as possible. We would appreciate an indication from your office relative to the corrective action which will be taken.

Very truly yours,

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Chief, General Services Office

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